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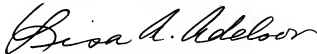
Re: U.S. Application No. 10/626,717 filed July 25, 2003  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Applicants: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*  
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Sir:

Forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is an Amendment and Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 15, 2009.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.301.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures